Snowballs ‘n Scraps
102”x114”

To make the quilt pictured

You need:
- 7½ yards of scraps for scrap blocks and snowball corners
- 4¾ yards of off white for snowballs
- 1 3/4 yards of brown print for outer border
- 5/8 yard of dark brown for inner border
- 3/4 yard of fabric for the binding
Note: This quilt consists of 2 blocks –They finish at 6.5” before being sewn into the quilt. The first is a 16 patch of scraps and a 6.5” off white square that has snowballed corners.

Cut:

For the 16 patch scrappy block:
- Using your 2” strips, make strip sets by sewing together 4 – I used warm tones and fabrics that had a good bit of off white or cream/tans.
- First Sew 4 together. Actually, you are going to have make a LOT of these strip sets. Press all seams going on direction. Mix up colors well. Use a large variety of your strips so the chances of slim of two identical blocks ending up next to each other.

- Cut off 2” segments so you have a set of 4 individual blocks sewn together.

- Sample sets of 4:

Make 512 of these segments. You are going to need 128 scrappy 4x4 blocks (block 1 shown above)

For snowball blocks:
Cut:

From off white or cream:
- 127 6.5”x6.5” squares from offwhite or cream

From warm toned scraps:
- 508 2”x2” squares from warm toned scraps for the corners of the snowball blocks (4 per block)
Borders:
will be dealt with under how to construct the quilt:

Construct blocks:

How to make the 16 patch scrappy block.
Using your segments previously made that look like this:

If you have pressed all seams in the same strip in one direction, it is easy to nest your seams. Add one row at a time until it is a 16 patch:

Then:

And finally:
Make 128. (Like how I wrote that just as if it were “make 28”? ) You’ll be tired of making them by the time you are finished!

**How to make the snowballed block:**
For each snowballed block, you will need 1- 6.5” square and 4 - 2” scrappy squares.

- Fold and press each of your 2” squares in half diagonally, creasing down the middle
- Take your 6.5” off white square

- and place one of the 2” squares in the corner, right sides together. Sew across diagonally on broken line indicated:

Do this on all four corners:
• Trim off on solid line indicated – ¼” to the outside of the stitching:

• Press the colorful pieces outward so that it now looks like this:

• Make 127 of these. They should measure 6.5”x6.5” at this point.

**How to make this quilt:**

1. **Construct your blocks as shown.**
2. **Lay out completed blocks according to this diagram:**
   Make two different rows of blocks – one row starts with the 16 patch block and one starts with the snowball block. I used a 15x17 layout of the center (15 blocks wide and 17 blocks long).

Here’s the first row:

Here are the first two rows put together:
3. **Sew blocks** together in rows and then sew the rows together.

4. **Press well**.

5. **Add borders** (optional, obviously).
   a. The first border is brown and is made of strips cut 2”x WOF. Attach to the sides, and then the top and bottom (This is totally personal preference – you can attach them in any order you wish.)
   b. The second border, cut 5”x WOF, piecing as necessary to get the length needed. My fabric was actually only 36” wide, so I had to use quite a few to get my border as this is a rather large quilt. It now looks like this:
6. **Sandwich**, using whatever type of batting and backing you prefer
7. **Quilt** as desired.

Congratulations! Your quilt is finished!

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